(ङ) क्या यह भी सच है कि समझौते के आधार पर दूसरे क्षेत्रों में इसी मूल्य पर वस्तुओं की आपूर्ति की गई ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) जी, हां। "सेल" ने 30.5.1994 को मैसर्स दक्षिण भारती साइकिल एण्ड कलॉक मैन्यूफैक्चरिंग कम्पनी, सिकन्दराबाद के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन किया है।

(ख) यह समझौता ज्ञापन गोल छड़ों संरचनात्मकों, प्लेटों, चेकर्ड प्लेटों, गर्म बेल्लित चादरों शीत बेल्लित क्वायलों/चादरों और जी पी/जी सी चादरों की सप्लाई के लिए किया गया था।

(ग) यह समझौता ज्ञापन न्यूनतम 60,000 टन इस्पात सामग्री की सप्लाई के के लिए किया गया था।

(घ) कम्पनी के तत्कालीन इस नीतिगत निर्णय कि उन उपभोक्ताओं जो पुन. बिक्री उद्देश्यों (व्यापार) के लिए सामग्री लेते हैं, के साथ किए गए समझौता ज्ञापन को समाप्त कर दिया जाए, की शर्तों के अनुसार उपभोक्ता को नोटिस देकर 25.7.84 को यह समझौता ज्ञापन समाप्त कर दिया गया।

(ङ) अन्य क्षेत्रों में अन्य उपभोक्ताओं जिन के साथ 1994 के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन किया था और जिन्होंने अपनी खपत के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन के अन्तर्गत शामिल सामग्री के लिए मांग-पत्र भेजा था, को उनके अपने-अपने समझौता ज्ञापन की शर्तों के अनुसार सामग्री की सप्लाई की थी।

Setting up a Steel Plant in Orissa with Chinese collaboration

2955. SHRI RAHAS-BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a steel plant in Orissa with Chinese collaboration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the site selected for the plant and the estimated cost thereof;

(d) the capacity of the proposed plant; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) The Central Government do not have any proposal to set up steel plant in Orissa with Chinese Collaboration. However, the Central Government have approved a proposal of M/s. Mid-east Integrated Steel Limited to set up a steel plant with Chinese Collaboration at Kalinga Nagar Industrial Complex, Daitari, in the State of Orissa to manufacture 4.10 lakh TPA of steel rods, bars and light structurals and 0.40 lakh TPA of pig iron. The project is being implemented in two phases at a total cost of Rs. 998.85 crores inclusive of foreign investment of Rs. 30 crores.

Hindustan Steel Construction Limited

2956. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the Hindustan Steel Construction Limited to close down some of their units;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) if not, whether it is also a fact that 5000 workers of Hindustan Steel Construction Limited are being off loaded by the way of Voluntary Retirement Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view the present order booking position and nature of its activities, present manpower of Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL) is considered to be

very high. Voluntary Retirement Scheme has been under operation since 1988 as reduction in establishment cost would improve the financial position of HSCL which is a loss making company.

Importing of heavy duty tyres by UMDC Limited

2957. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NMDC Limited has been importing heavy duty tyres without proper evaluation of tenders;

(b) whether such tyres are also available in domestic markets;

(c) whether objections have been raised by the Finance Wing of the Company;

(d) whether Government propose to order investigation against such deals of the Company; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) has reported that it has been procuring tyres required at its iron ore mining projects both fro m indigenous and foreign manufacturers. However, the company has found the performance of imported tyres to be markedly superior to the indigenous ones resulting in longer life, saving in fuel consumption, etc.

(c) NMDC has reported that the views of its Finance, Operations and Materials Departments were taken into consideration before arriving at the purchase decision.

(d) and (e) No investigation by the Government appears to be necessary as the company has reported that it has followed the laid down procedure for processing the order for tyres as in the past by considering various techno-commercial aspects.

Sales of steel from SAIL

2958. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether sales of steel from SAIL plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Durgapur and Rourkela has recorded some increase during first 11 months of current financial year over the corresponding period in 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps ensuring further higher selling trend of steel by SAIL plants in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. The total sales of saleable steel from SAIL Plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Durgapur and Rourkela during the first 11 months of the current financial year (April, 1994 to February, 1995) have shown a growth of 5% over the sales in the corresponding period last year.

(b) The Plant-wise details of total sales of saleable steel during the first